

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



March 9, 2000

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 99/00-56

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 1999/00 KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE  
PAYMENT (Kin-GAP) PROGRAM ALLOCATION

Pursuant to Senate Bill 1901 (Chapter 1055, Statutes of 1998) and Assembly Bill 1111 (Chapter 147, Statutes of 1999), a total of \$2,027,000 in Federal, State, and County Funds has been appropriated for administrative costs associated with the implementation of the Kin-GAP program for FY 1999/00.

The Kin-GAP program, which became effective January 1, 2000, is intended to enhance family preservation and stability by recognizing the advantages associated with relative placements. Please refer to All-County Information Notices (ACIN) I-27-99 and I-40-99, All County Letters (ACL) 99-97 and 00-09, and County Fiscal Letters (CFL) 99/00-43 and 99/00-45 for further details regarding the implementation of the program.

The budget for the program assumes that there will be an offsetting savings of State General Funds in Foster Care and Child Welfare Services programs due to those cases diverted from placement and/or services. An estimated savings of \$346,000 and \$1,416,000, respectively, will be applied at time of year-end closeout (methodology for this adjustment is yet to be determined).

The attached displays the allocation distribution of \$2,022,000 in Federal TANF Funds based on each county's percent to the statewide total of Supervised Foster Care Children in Relative Home placements as of August 5, 1999. The caseload information used in this calculation was extracted from CWS/CMS, which is consistent with the methodology used to develop the budget. Please note that \$3,000 in State General Funds is available for non-federally eligible clients. However, these funds are not being allocated to counties. More information on claiming non-federal costs will be provided at a later date.

Administrative costs associated with the Kin-GAP program shall be charged to the County Expense Claim using code 030 – Federal Kin-GAP Program Eligibility. Time study instructions were issued in CFL 99/00-45 and additional claiming instructions will be provided in the March 2000 claim letter.

Expenditures that exceed the allocation will be transferred to county share using State Use Only Code 667. At closeout, it is anticipated that any surplus funds will be redistributed among those counties who overspent their allocation.

If you have any questions, please contact your county analyst in the County Financial Analysis Bureau at (916) 657-3806.

***Original Document Signed by David L. Kupper  
for Douglas D. Park on 3/9/00***

DOUGLAS D. PARK, Chief  
Financial Planning Branch

Attachments

c: CWDA

**Kin-GAP (Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment) Program  
FY 1999/00 Federal Fund Allocation**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>ALLOCATION</b>
Alameda	\$66,142
Alpine	\$164
Amador	\$123
Butte	\$8,652
Calaveras	\$1,107
Colusa	\$82
Contra Costa	\$41,867
Del Norte	\$1,435
El Dorado	\$2,419
Fresno	\$62,247
Glenn	\$984
Humboldt	\$2,214
Imperial	\$5,331
Inyo	\$246
Kern	\$44,737
Kings	\$3,855
Lake	\$1,394
Lassen	\$492
Los Angeles	\$1,074,278
Madera	\$2,706
Marin	\$902
Mariposa	\$451
Mendocino	\$2,788
Merced	\$2,583
Modoc	\$287
Mono	\$0
Monterey	\$6,561
Napa	\$2,091
Nevada	\$738
Orange	\$59,581
Placer	\$6,971
Plumas	\$287
Riverside	\$99,685
Sacramento	\$85,948
San Benito	\$656
San Bernardino	\$91,402
San Diego	\$114,201
San Francisco	\$56,547
San Joaquin	\$16,197
San Luis Obispo	\$7,217
San Mateo	\$9,144
Santa Barbara	\$7,299
Santa Clara	\$46,911
Santa Cruz	\$4,224
Shasta	\$5,290
Sierra	\$123
Siskiyou	\$861
Solano	\$6,438
Sonoma	\$3,813
Stanislaus	\$10,128
Sutter	\$2,953
Tehama	\$779
Trinity	\$123
Tulare	\$27,638
Tuolumne	\$1,066
Ventura	\$9,226
Yolo	\$6,889
Yuba	\$3,527
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,022,000</b>